

March 2016

Welcome to Catalina
State Park

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 *Bird Walk	3	4 *Bird Walk	5 *Nature Program *Buffelgrass Slayers *Concert: TreeHouse
6 *Guided Hike *Bird Walk *Geology Walk	7 *Our Knights in Spiny Armor	8	9 *Bird Walk	10	11 *Bird Walk	12 *Nature Program
13 *Guided Hike *Bird Walk *Bear Necessities	14 *Our Knights in Spiny Armor	15	16 *Bird Walk	17	18 *Bird Walk	19 *Nature Program *Concert: Oracle Ridge Band
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ALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS SUBJECT TO ENTRANCE FEES (\$7 per vehicle) AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE
**For all hikes/walks, please bring an adequate water supply, a snack, sunscreen, and wear appropriate clothing, shoes, and hat for the weather conditions.

First Saturday Concerts: The first Saturday of every month, enjoy the music in the park with the Santa Catalina Mountains as the backdrop. All shows are at the Trailhead Stage. Concert times vary.

Feel free to bring a chair and favorite foods. Free popcorn is provided by the Friends of Catalina State Park.

March 5: TreeHouse, 5:00 PM (modern indie americana) March 19: Oracle Ridge Band, 4:30 PM (classic country and bluegrass)

Catalina State Park Nature Program: 10AM – 1PM, Saturdays, Trailhead.

Learn and see many reptiles that live naturally in the Sonoran Desert. Listen to our experts talk about the creatures and their adaptations for surviving in the desert. This is a live reptile exhibit and much more! This is fun for all ages! Program is weather permitting.

Guided Hikes: Times vary. Sundays. Hike Meeting Locations Vary.

Explore the trails of Catalina State Park with experienced hiking guide, Gaston.

Consult website to learn of hiking routes. Please register by 4 PM Saturday prior to the hike. at VHC.Gaston@gmail.com. For safety reasons, four hikers are required for a hike to occur.

As hikes depart promptly, please arrive 5 minutes early. If rain threatens, the guide will phone the registered hiker ASAP or about one hour before the scheduled hike time, whichever comes first. Please inform the guide of any medical condition, medication, or allergy to Aspirin.

Geology Walk: 9:00 AM, Sunday, March 6, 20, Picnic Area Ramada.

How were the Santa Catalina Mountains formed? What are some of the different rocks in the park? Learn about the geology of Catalina State Park with experienced geologist, Karen. The walk takes several hours.

Sunday and Friday Guided Bird Walks: 7:30 AM, Sundays and Fridays. Picnic Area Ramada.

Join experienced bird guides, Steve and Nancy, on a bird walk through the park. They will help you spot

and identify the various birds that visit and live in the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains. This

is eventful for novices as well as seasoned birders. Please bring binoculars, and a bird guide (if you have).

This walk lasts several hours.

Bear Necessities: 4:00 PM, Sunday, March 13. Trailhead.

Would you like to know more about the black bear of Arizona? Then, this program is for you.

Information about bears, an appearance from the “everywhere bear”, and information about safety around bears will be presented in this inter-active 30 to 40 minute program. You might even win a prize for your knowledge about the black bear!

Adventures with the Moon: 7:30 PM, Wednesday, March 23. Romero Ruins Ramada.

The Moon, Earth's only natural satellite, with its mystery and intrigue, continues to provide interest to Earth's

Humans. Join Catalina State Park volunteer, Richard, as he takes you to the moon and back through interactive

activities and displays.

Our Knights in Spiny Armor: 8:30 AM, Mondays, Trailhead.

This short hike with leader, Monty, is about the majestic cactus, the saguaro, which grows only in the Sonoran Desert. Whether you are new to the desert or just love saguaros, this event is for you! Please be prepared by bringing your hat, water, and sunscreen. This walk includes a hill.

Wednesday Guided Bird Walk: 7:30 AM, Wednesdays, Trailhead Parking Lot Picnic Tables.

Both novice and seasoned birder enjoy the variety of birds that visit and live

in the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains. Our experienced bird guide, Mary Ellen, will help you spot and identify various birds as you walk through the park. Please bring binoculars, and a bird guide (if you have).

This eventful walk lasts several hours.

Romero Ruins Adventure Walk: By appointment

Park Ranger, Jack, leads a tour of the Romero Ruins Trail, where the whole

family can learn about the history and mystery surrounding the Hohokam's largest ruin site in the park.

To schedule a tour, please call Jack at 520-628-5798.

Buffel Grass Slayer: 8AM – 12N, Saturday, March 5. Trailhead.

Help the park by eradicating buffel grass. Bring your water, gloves, hat, and sunscreen.

Star Party: 7:00 – 10:00 PM, Saturday, April 2, Trailhead. Sponsor: Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association.

Jim O'Connor introduces this program with excerpts from his book, *Native American Night Sky*. Then, view planets, stars, comets, galaxies, and more through the Astronomers' telescopes.